

IC 20-26-14

Chapter 14. Interscholastic Athletic Associations

IC 20-26-14-1**"Association"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "association" means an organization that conducts, organizes, sanctions, or sponsors interscholastic high school athletic events as the organization's primary purpose.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-26-14-2**"Case"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "case" refers to a decision of the association:

- (1) that concerns the application or interpretation of a rule of the association to an individual student; and
- (2) with which the student's parent disagrees.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-26-14-3**"Panel"**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "panel" refers to the case review panel established under section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-26-14-4**"State superintendent"**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "state superintendent" refers to the state superintendent of public instruction.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-26-14-5**Participation in association by schools**

Sec. 5. A school corporation may participate in:

- (1) an association; or
- (2) an athletic event conducted, organized, sanctioned, or sponsored by an association;

if the association complies with this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-26-14-6**Case review panel; membership; meetings; decisions of panel**

Sec. 6. (a) The association must establish a case review panel that meets the following requirements:

- (1) The panel has nine (9) members.
- (2) The state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee is a member of the panel and is the chairperson of the panel.
- (3) The state superintendent appoints as members of the panel

persons having the following qualifications:

(A) Four (4) parents of high school students.

(B) Two (2) high school principals.

(C) Two (2) high school athletic directors.

(4) A member of the panel serves for a four (4) year term, subject to the following:

(A) An appointee who ceases to meet the member's qualification under subdivision (3) ceases to be a member of the panel.

(B) The state superintendent shall appoint fifty percent (50%) of the initial appointees under each clause in subdivision (3) for terms of two (2) years, so that terms of the panel are staggered.

(5) The panel must meet monthly, unless there are no cases before the panel. The panel may meet more frequently at the call of the chairperson. However, the chairperson must call a meeting within five (5) business days after the panel receives a case in which time is a factor in relation to the scheduling of an athletic competition.

(6) A quorum of the panel is five (5) members. The affirmative vote of five (5) members of the panel is required for the panel to take action.

(b) A student's parent who disagrees with a decision of the association concerning the application or interpretation of a rule of the association to the student shall have the right to do one (1) of the following:

(1) Accept the decision.

(2) Take legal action without first referring the case to the panel.

(3) Refer the case to the panel.

(c) Upon receipt of a case, the panel must do the following:

(1) Collect testimony and information on the case, including testimony and information from both the association and the parent.

(2) Place the case on the panel's agenda and consider the case at a meeting of the panel.

(3) Make one (1) of the following decisions:

(A) Uphold the association's decision on the case.

(B) Modify the association's decision on the case.

(C) Nullify the association's decision on the case.

(d) The association must implement the decision of the panel on each case. However, a decision of the panel:

(1) applies only to the case before the panel; and

(2) does not affect any rule of the association or decision under any rule concerning any student other than the student whose parent referred the case to the panel.

(e) The association shall pay all costs attributable to the operation of the panel, including travel and per diem for panel members.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.10.